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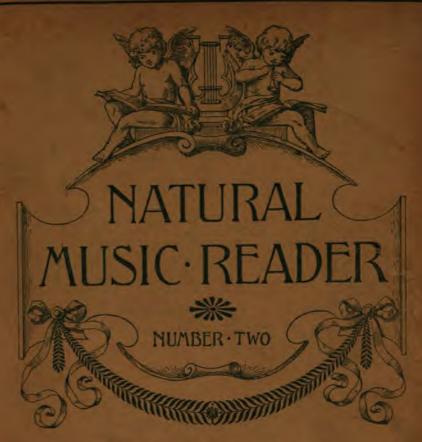
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#### Preface.

This volume opens with a simple expression of the principles of the preceding books, and the plan of advancement is parallel with what has heretofore been presented. The Chromatic, Minor, and Rhythmic elements are further developed and explained. Three-part songs and exercises appear for the first time. The songs are selected from the best composers, and will be found to be strictly educational in character, the children having acquired in the study of the exercises sufficient ability to read them.

Some of the occasional songs are presented in three parts, thus lending variety and offering a study in part-music. If desirable, the occasional songs may be used in unison as before, or the lower grades may sing them in unison and the upper classes in three parts.

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#### Directions.

Chart Series E contains an explanation of the teaching of this volume; chart practice should, therefore, precede lessons from the book.

#### Vocal Drill.



A preliminary exercise for vocal drill, like the above, appears with each lesson. The object of these exercises is to promote clear and rapid enunciation, to purify the tone, to train the ear, and to cultivate a sense of rhythm. These exercises should occupy a few minutes at the opening of the lesson. They should be sung slowly and carefully till the voices blend perfectly, then the tempo should be increased as much as possible. The vowel sounds, a, e, i, o, u, oo, and Loo and Lo, should be employed. As the work advances, the previous vocal drills may be sung from memory. The benefit derived from these exercises will depend upon the ease, smoothness, and rapidity with which they are taken.

In all singing exercises, the tone should be soft, flexible, and entirely free from harsh, nasal sounds. The movement should be free, with marked but not excessive accents. The exercise should be spirited but short. The position of the body should be erect, natural, and easy.

### SECTION I.





\*SHARP. JQUARTER NOTE. QUARTER REST. 2 METER SIGNATURE. This means that each full measure contains the value of two quarter notes.

TIE. Notes on the same line or space joined by a tie are sung

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as one note having their united value.



- 4 METER SIGNATURE. This means that each full measure contains the value of four quarter notes. Half Rest.
- J. DOTTED HALF NOTE. The dot increases the value of a note one half. J. equals J. or J. J.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> FLAT. The sharps or flats placed next to the clef are called the KEY SIGNATURE. They tell where Do is.

The last sharp is always on si or seven of the scale.

The last flat is always on fa or four of the scale.



 $\frac{3}{4}$  Meter Signature. This means that each full measure contains the value of three quarter notes.



- \*Notice the difference between Exs. 47 and 48; also between Exs. 49 and 50.
  - ▶ Eighth Note. 7 Eighth Rest.

Note. The eighth rest shortens the note before it. Sing as if it were thus and pay no other attention to the rests.



- \* Exercises 54 and 55 are two representations of the same effect.
- § METER SIGNATURE. This means that each full measure must contain the value of six eighth notes.
  - J. DOTTED QUARTER NOTE. J. equals J. or J.)

Note. The effect of the different meters should be brought out by a strict regard for the accents. In all the meters the principal accent falls on the first beat of the measure, but in four and six part measure a secondary accent falls on the third and fourth beats respectively. The correct effect of four part measure can be secured by alternately pronouncing com pro mis ing, and counting:—"com pro mis ing,—one, two, three, four."



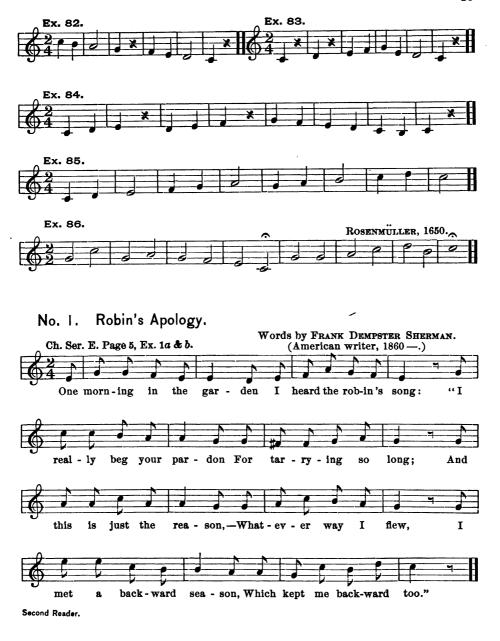
SIXTEENTH NOTE. § METER SIGNATURE. This means that each full measure contains the value of three eighth notes.

Note. Observe that the meter signature does not indicate the rapidity with which the exercise should be sung. An exercise in 3 meter should be no faster than one in 3 unless so indicated.



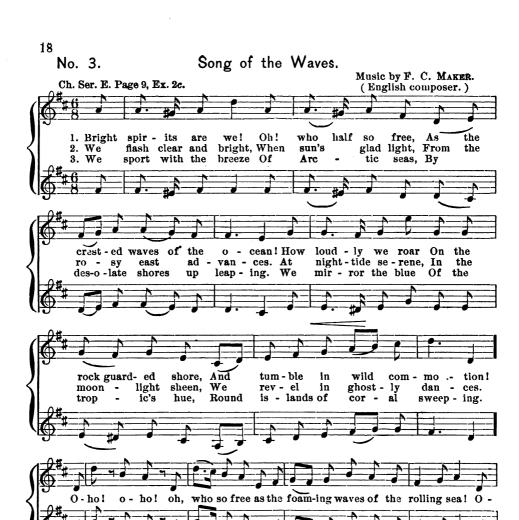


<sup>\*</sup> The exercises above represent the same effect in two forms.









SLUR. When one word is to be sung to more than one note the notes are slurred together, thus

For practice on the chromatics of this song see Ex. 108, page 22 of this book. Let it be remembered that each of these chromatic effects is like Do Si Do.



<sup>\*</sup> Note. The five exercises following the star should be carefully studied in their relation to each other, as Ex. 97 is a modification of Ex. 96, and 99 and 100 are modifications of 98. See Ch. Ser. E. Page 7, Ex. 2a, b, c.

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SIXTEENTH NOTE. DOTTED EIGHTH NOTE. : equals or

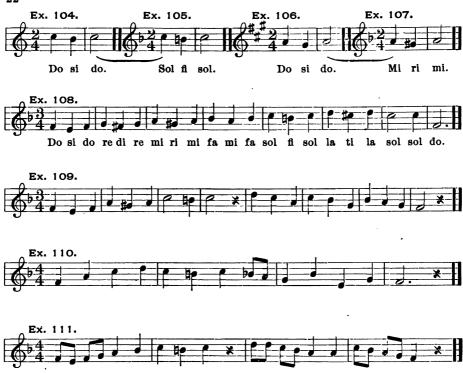
#### No. 4. Farewell to the Birds.



### No. 5.

# A Bird is Sweetly Singing.





#### # SHARP. b FLAT. # NATURAL.

Note. A sharp, flat, or natural placed before a note, as in examples 105, 108, 109, etc., is called an accidental, and the tone indicated is called a chromatic tone.

The natural tones in some exercises have the same effect as the chromatic tones in others:



Do si do. Sol fi sol.

Do si do in No. 1. sounds like sol fi sol in No. 2. As we are familiar with do si do we easily learn sol fi sol by comparison.

By similar comparisons the effect of all the chromatic tones used in this book is shown. The pupils should first become perfectly familiar with the effect as expressed in the first example, by singing it with the given syllables and then with loo. Having done this they sing the second example with loo, and finally apply the given syllables, getting thus first the effect to the ear, second the representation to the eye, and finally the name.



The key signature (see page 8) shows us where Do is. Do is called the key note.



Either sharps or flats may be used for the KEY SIGNATURE.

If sharps are used the one farthest to the right is always on Si or seven of the scale.

Si do do si do do si do do.

If flats are used the one farthest to the right is on fa or four of the

scale. Fa do fa do fa do









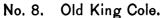


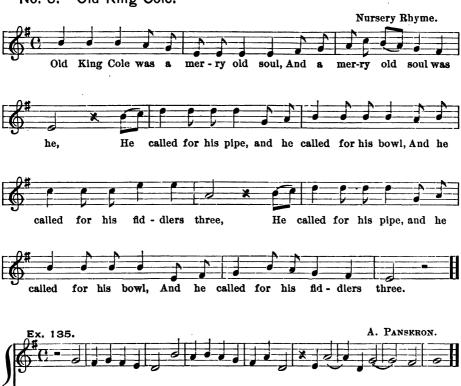


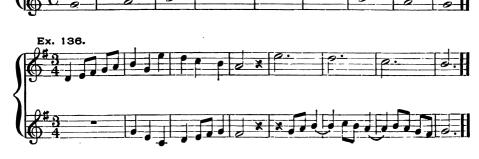
<sup>\*</sup>This scale beginning and ending on la or six is called the MINOR SCALE.

Note. The vocal drill is the same in form and purpose as that already explained. (See page 4.) It appears in two notations. The first proceeds from la to do and is the key to the second which proceeds from a to a to a. These exercises are identical in sound. Let it be remembered that the drill is upon Ex. b; the object being, in addition to what has been said on page 4, to familiarize the ear with flat three of the scale. The same application of vowel sounds may be made as before.







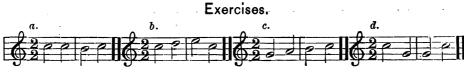




Note. Children are sometimes unable to hold their parts in three part music, and the result is very unpleasant. These simple exercises should be practiced until the harmony is perfectly pure. In selecting the voices for the different parts the teacher should be governed at first by the ability of the pupils to hold the lower parts rather than by the quality of the voice. Place the poor readers in the upper part, the best in the middle, and the good in the lowest. As soon as the children become accustomed to part singing, parts may be assigned with reference to the quality of the voice.



The new element in the Dictation Exercises which follow is that of Meter. The pupil is required to write the clef (()), the meter signature (2), to divide the Exercises by bars (|) into measures (()), and to place the double bar (|) at the end. To impress this meter upon the ear some simple exercises should be sung. Give the place for Do and sing or play the following very slowly and with pronounced accent on the first beat, the pupils writing tone for tone.



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F = 7

#### Vocal Drill.



This exercise will serve to teach the pupils to sing four tones to a beat. Sing the exercise slowly, by rote, without any beating whatever. Then sing in like manner with an accent upon the first and fifth tones; this accent will immediately establish the groups of four; then sing again and beat with the accent; then the tempo may be increased gradually. Variations of this meter should be practiced from the chart.

No. 10. The Harp that once through Tara's Halls.



- 1. The harp that once through Ta ra's halls The soul of mu sic
- 2. No more to chiefs and la dies bright The harp of Ta ra



shed, Now hangs as mute on Ta - ra's walls, As if that soul were swells; The chord a - lone that breaks at night, Its tale of ru - in



fied. So sleeps the pride of form - er days, So glo - ry's thrill is tells. Thus free - dom now so sel - dom wakes; The on - ly throb she



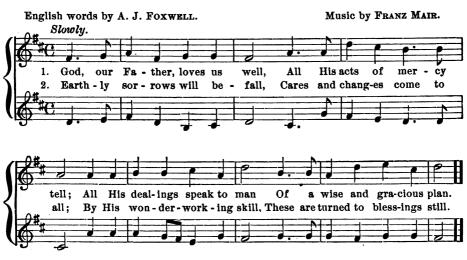
o'er; And hearts that once beat high for praise, Now feel that pulse no more. gives, Is when some heart in - dig-nant breaks, To show that still she lives.



Scale descending.



### No. 11. God, our Father, loves us well.



Each line and space of the staff is called a degree. The scale occupies eight staff degrees.



Any two notes eight staff degrees apart are said to form an octave.

OCTAVES. From "octavo," meaning an eighth.

No. 12. Where the Blue Hills Rise.



When we sing the ascending scale (see page 30) we think of each tone as higher than the one before it, and when we sing the descending scale we think of each tone as lower than the one before it. This difference in tones, which we describe by the words high and low, we call pitch.

We say the tones at the top of the scale have a higher pitch than those at the bottom.

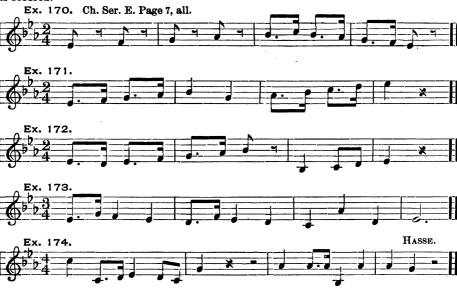


Each staff degree represents a certain pitch, and sharps, flats, and naturals are placed upon the staff degrees to vary the pitch which they represent.

Exercises 164 to 169 are intended to show how apparently difficult rhythms are in reality but natural developments of what has already been learned. Ex. 168 leads up to Ex. 169. It is only necessary to sing the whole of exercise 168 with one beat to each measure to get the effect of Ex. 169. The finger must be held down while all the notes to one beat are sung.



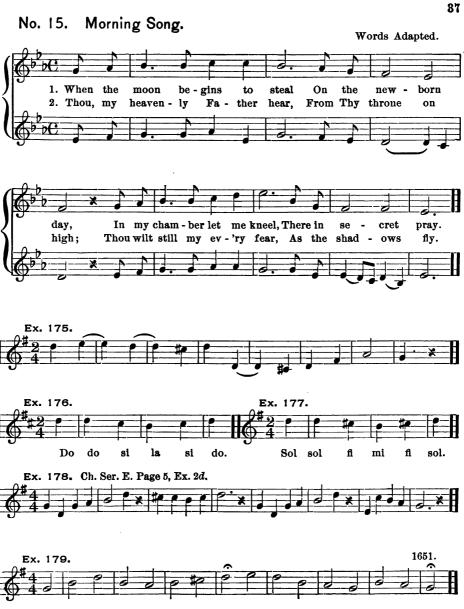
\*Note. The eighth rest used in these exercises simply shortens the note. The same effect is expressed by placing dots under the notes. Thus \( \daggerightarrow \daggerightarrow





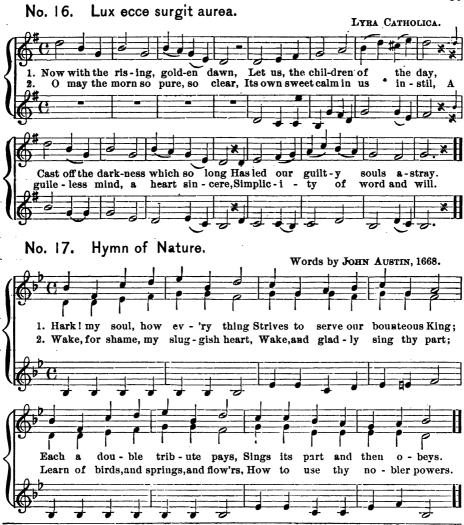
A sharp or flat placed on any staff degree affects not only the pitch of that staff degree but also the pitch of the octaves of that staff degree.

Therefore really means and means





The key signature not only shows us where do is, but assigns the pitch to the staff degrees on which the signature is placed.



The staff degrees are lettered as well as numbered, to enable us to indicate them readily. A sign, the clef is used to remind us of the letters. There are several clefs in use, but the one we have already seen is called the G clef, because it is a modified form of a Gothic letter g.

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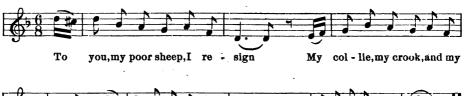
#### Vocal Drill.



A and b of the vocal drill look different but sound alike. Practice them till one is as familiar as the other; and flat three (b3) becomes one of the tones that is perfectly known.









horn; To leave you, indeed, I re - pine,

But I must away with the morn.









Dictation.

or - gan man

Is

sing - ing in the

rain.

Note. The teacher will say that the key signature (D) has two sharps, on the fifth line and third space, thus:

She will also review the explanation of the metric signature 2.



or - gan with the



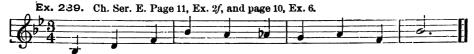
NOTE. The three exercises following the star, Ex. 219, are to show how rhythms develop. The rest in Ex. 221 simply takes the place of the dot.





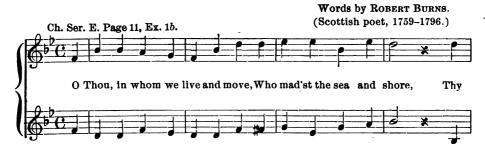
The staff degree on which the G Clef turns is always lettered G.

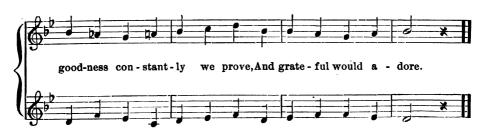
The next degree above is lettered a, the next above that b, and so on; while the next below g is f, the next below that is e, and so on.





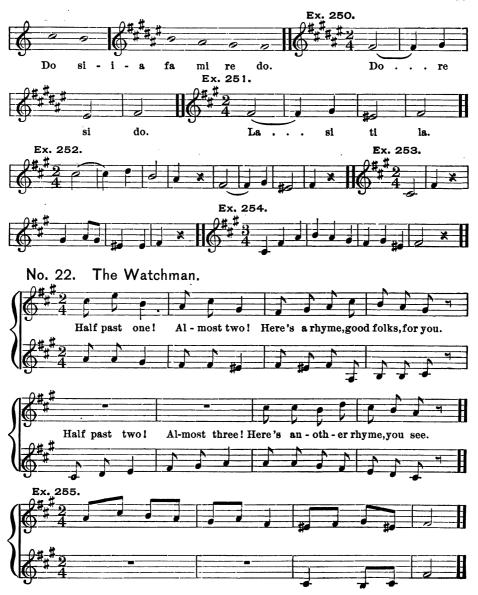
# No. 21. A Prayer.







<sup>\*</sup>The staff degree on which mi comes is affected by a sharp (3) in the key signature. The natural (1) removes the effect of the sharp, causing mi to become me, or flat three (b3.)





Dictation.

The teacher will say that the key signature (E) has four sharps, on the fifth line, third space, space above the staff, and fourth line: thus and call attention to the whole note which takes two beats and fills the measure.

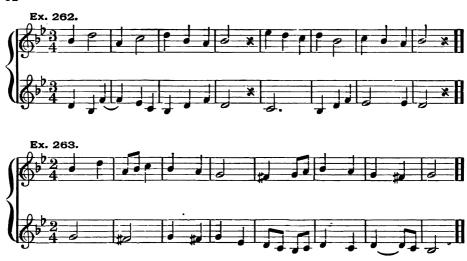




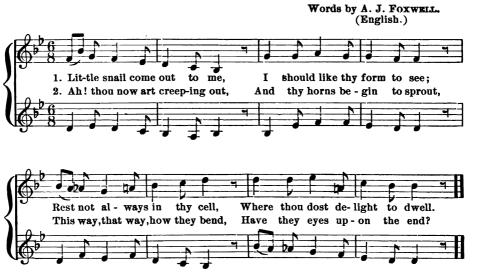
Scales are named from the staff degree on which they begin and end.

This scale is the scale of E, because the staff degree on which it begins and ends is lettered E.

This scale is named E flat, because the staff degree on which it begins, e, is affected by a flat in the key signature.







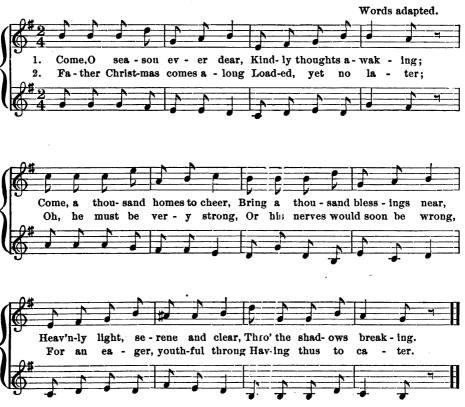


### No. 26. I Thee Advise.



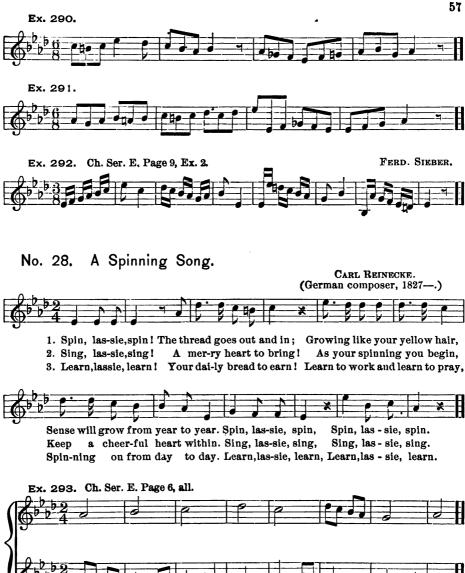


### No. 27. A Christmas Song.





All exercises and tunes are founded on some scale, by which we mean, simply, that the tones used in the exercise are selected from those in a scale beginning and ending on a certain staff degree. But tones not in the scale on which the exercise is founded, are frequently brought in. These tones are called chromatic tones, and they are indicated by accidentals.



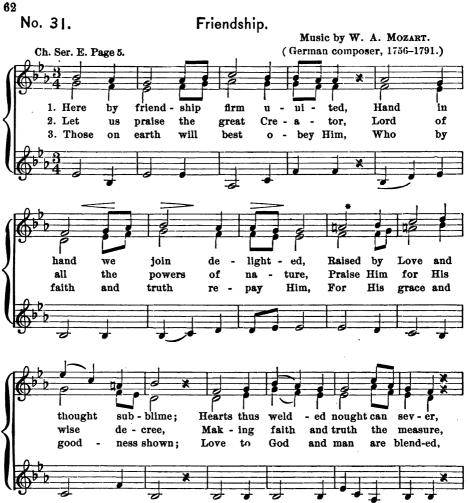
#### My Doves.







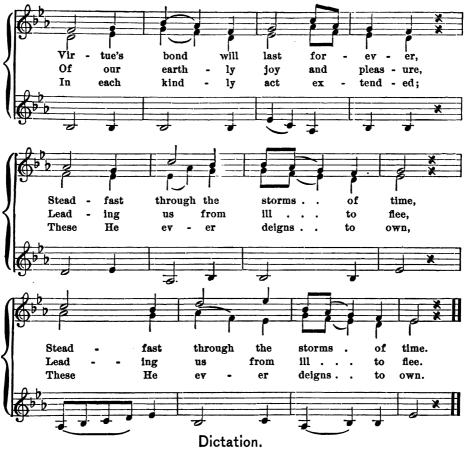




<sup>\*</sup> The natural removes the effect of the sharp or flat. Here the staff degree on which fa comes has been affected by a flat in the key signature. The natural removes the effect of the flat and the tone is raised from fa to fl.

When a natural is applied to a staff degree which is affected by a flat the natural indicates a higher pitch.





The teacher will say that the key-signature (Eb) has three flats, on the third line, fourth space, and second space, thus: ; and repeat the explanation of metric-signature (2) and of the whole note (c) which takes two beats and fills the measure.

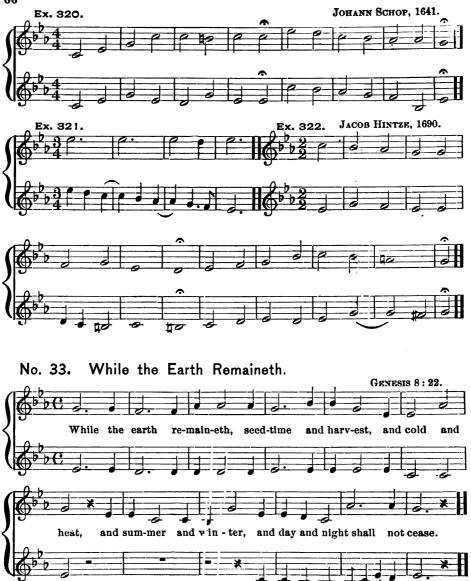




## No. 32. The Golden Boat-Song.



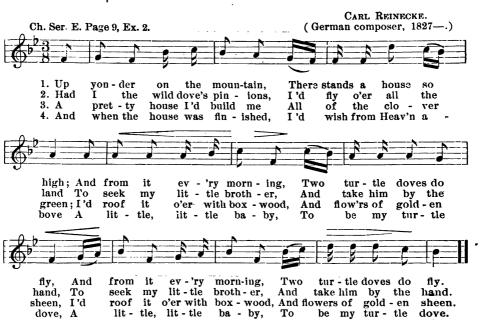








No. 35. Up Yonder on the Mountain.









When speaking of key-signatures, we always mention the number and the kind of characters. For instance we would say, "The key-signature is one flat."

The flat farthest to the right is on fa or four of the scale. Going from fa to do, in this example, we find do on the first space:

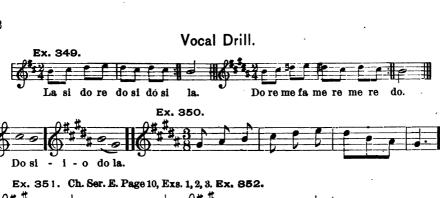
Fado.

This degree of the staff is lettered "f," and as Do is on "f," we shall conclude that the exercise may be in the key of "f." How do we know that this degree is lettered "f"?



No. 36. A Song of Rest.











- 1. So ear ly why, and whence so far, O la dy bright, fair morning star, In
- 2. Dost think that thou a lone art here? Nay, love-ly star, I too am near. I
- 3. The lit-tle birds up on the tree Have just be gun their ti ri lee, As,



ra-diant robe of splen-dor rare, A gold - en glo-ry in thy hair, With left my bed an hour a-gone, And gai - ly wan-der on and on. Rewak-ing on the leaf - y spray, Each wish - es to his mate good-day. And,



shi - ning eyes so clear and blue All turn - ing then in joy - ful mood, The heark - en! from the chap - el there, The fresh-ly bathed in morn-ing dew? morn-ing meal tastes doub-ly good. tiuk-ling bell that moves the air.

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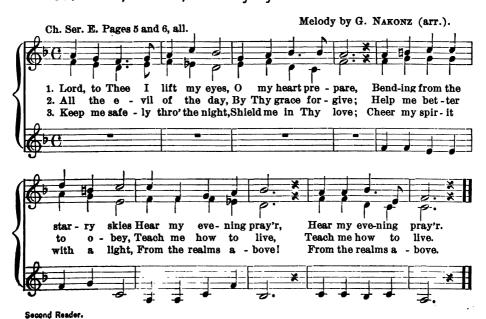


<sup>\*</sup>What is the key signature? Where is Do? What is Do called? In what key are these exercises? Explain the meter signatures.



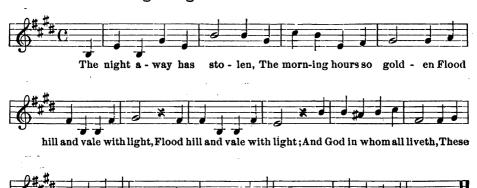


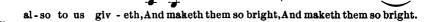
No. 39. Lord, to Thee, I lift my Eyes.





# No. 40. Morning Song.











### No. 41.

# Good-night.

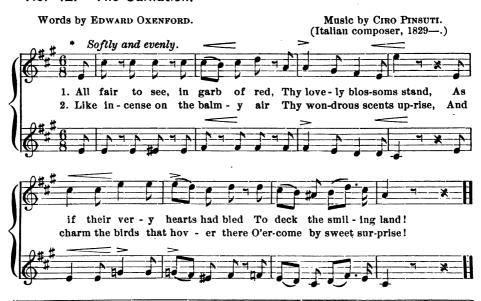




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## No. 42. The Carnation.



<sup>\*</sup>For chromatic study for this song see Ch. Ser. E. Page 11, all.



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### Vocal Drill.

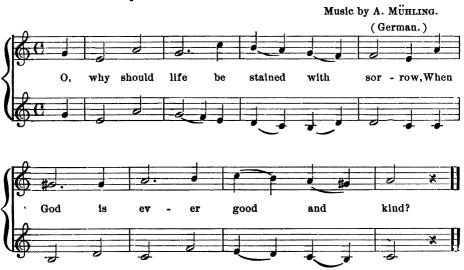


The sharps or flats used in the key signature affect the names of the staff degrees on which they are placed. Thus if a sharp (\*) is placed on the degree lettered F we no longer call this degree F but F sharp. In the same manner if a flat (b) is placed on the staff degree lettered B we call this degree B flat.





No. 44. O, why should Life?



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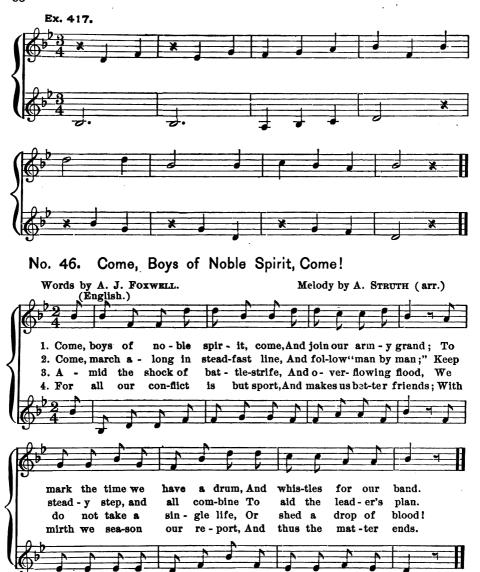


## Dictation.

The key signature, G, is one sharp, which is written upon the fifth line, thus:

There is a new metric signature (3) which means that each measure shall contain three half notes. The whole note with dot (2) in the last measure is equivalent to three half notes.

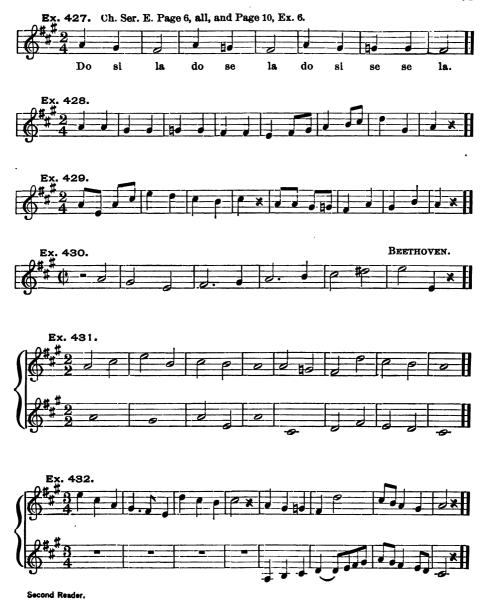






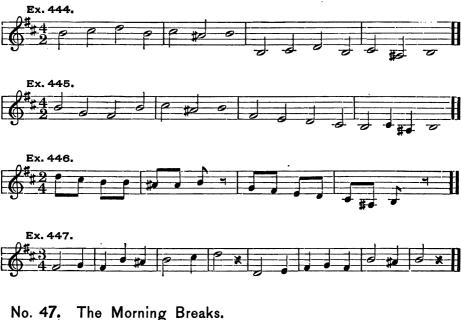


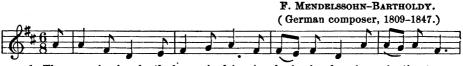
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## Vocal Drill.







- 1. The morn-ing breaks, the breeze is fair, A bark is dan-cing o'er the stream;
- 2. Let fav-'ring winds the can vas swell, To friends we leave a kind fare-well;

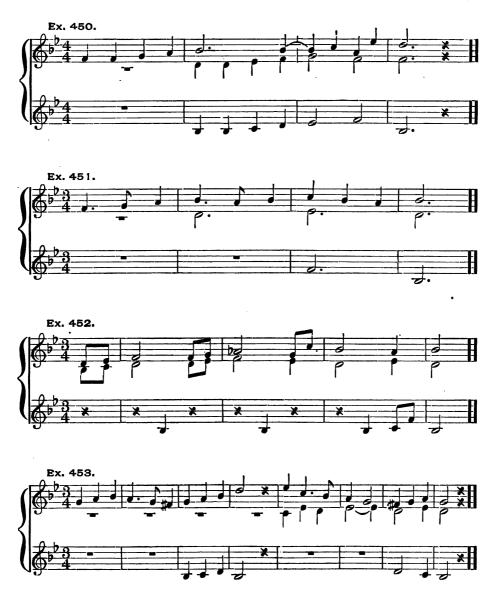


Hearts, as the morn -ing bright, are there, And joy - ful eyes in glad - ness gleam, Speed on, good ship, thro' o - cean foam, And safe-ly bear us to our home,



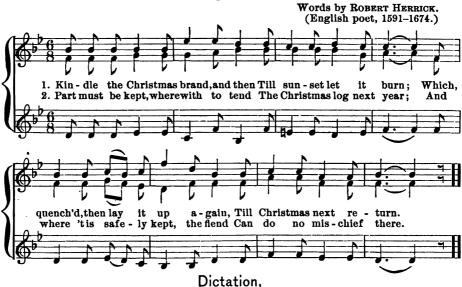
Hearts, as the morning bright, are there, And joy - ful eyes in glad - ness gleam. Speed on, good ship, thro' o-cean foam, And safe - ly bear us to our home.







No. 49. A Candlemas Song.



This key, B<sup>b</sup>, has for its signature two flats, which are to be written upon the third line and fourth space, thus:

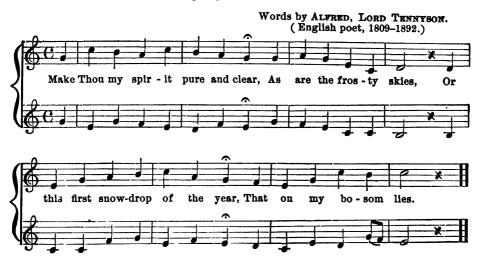
The note-values and the meter are the same as in the previous lesson.

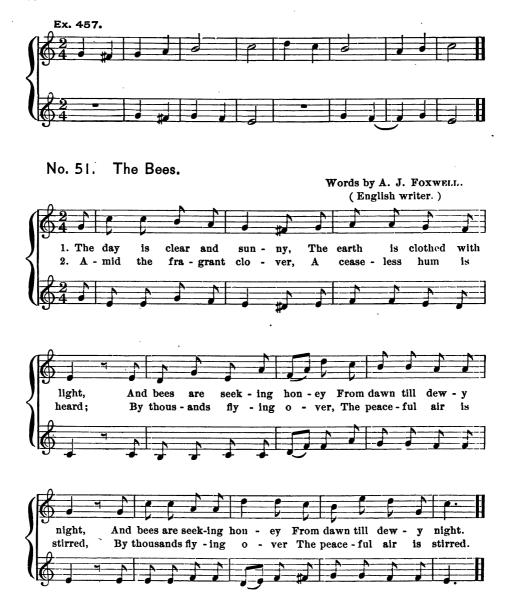






No. 50. Make Thou my Spirit Pure.





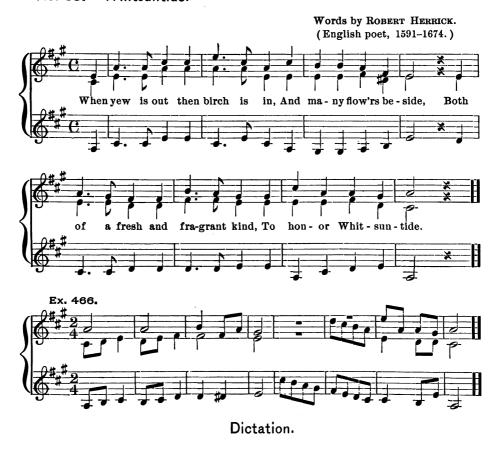
No. 52. A Lost Day.





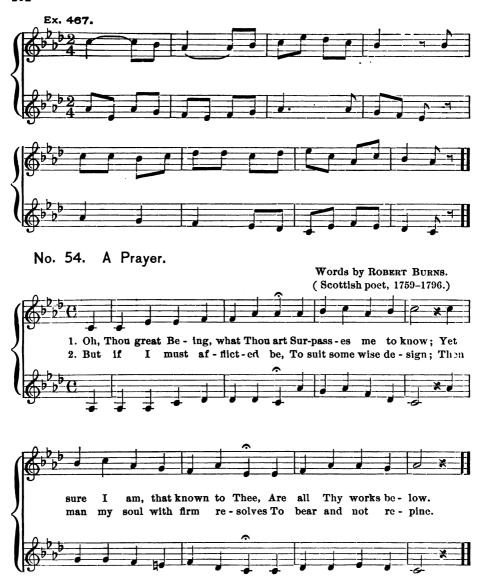
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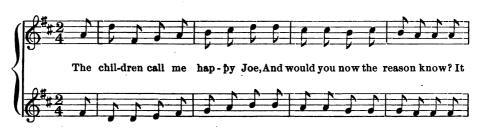


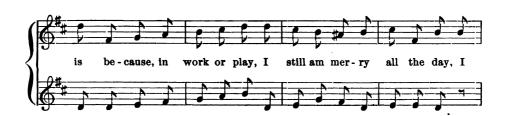


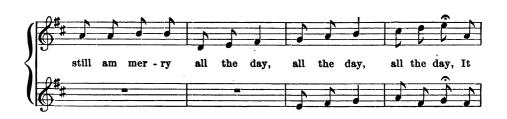


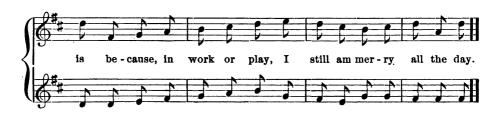
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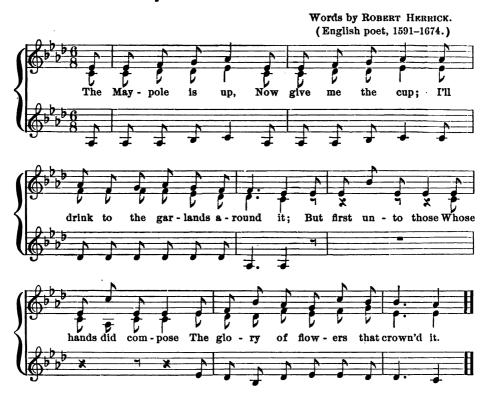








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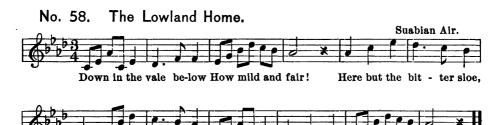


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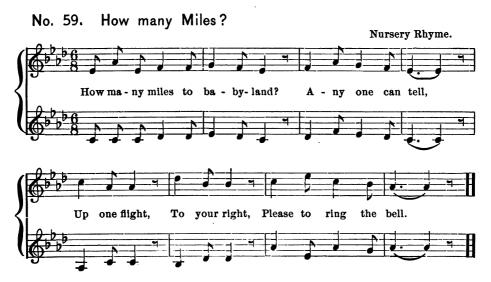
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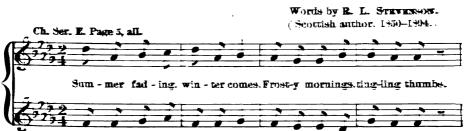


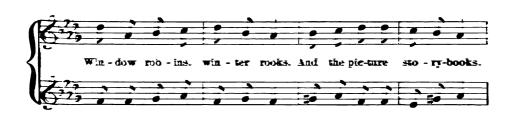
There grapes and peaches grow, Fra-grant and soft the air. Would I were there!

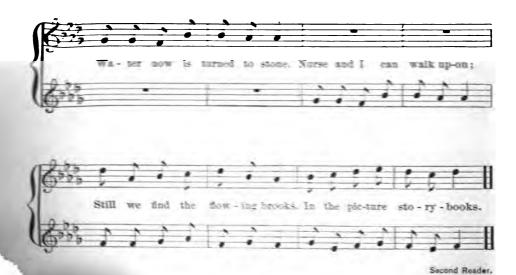


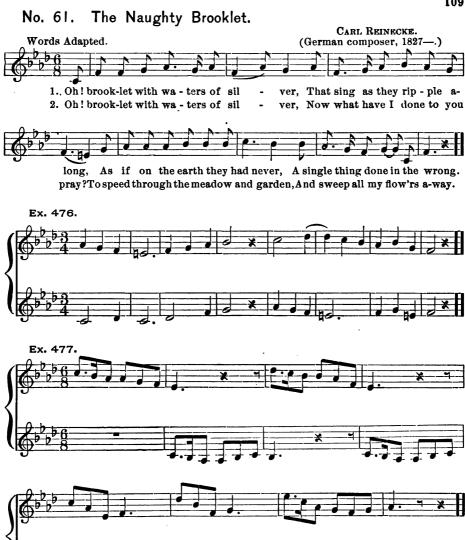
#### No. 60.

## Picture Books in Winter.









Second Reader.





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The signature of the new key, B, is five sharps. They are placed on the fifth line, third space, space above the staff, fourth line, and second space, thus:







Second Reader.



## No. 65.

#### In Woods is Peace.





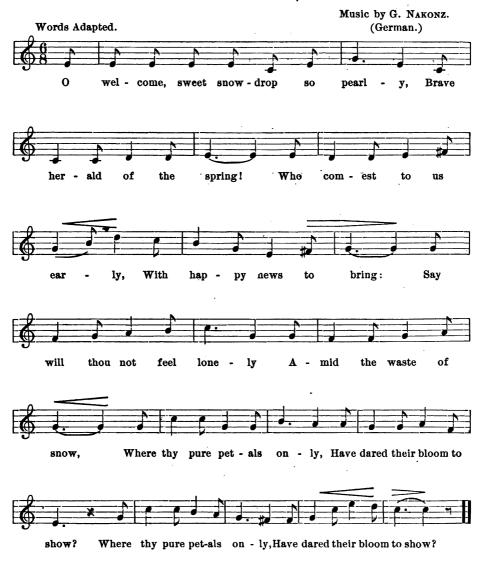


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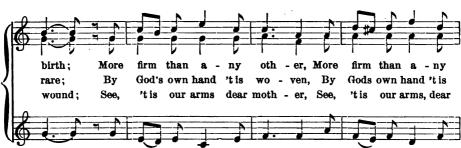






# No. 69. The Children's Birthday Gift.







#### Summer.





## No. 71. How Pure the Peaceful Pleasure.

















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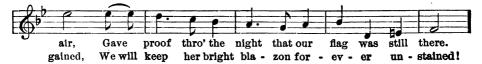




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# The Star-Spangled Banner.







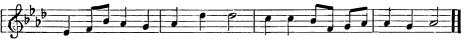


# No. 75. Heavenly Father, Sovereign Lord.

Words from "Songs for the Sanctuary," No. 889. Felix Mendelssohn.



- 1. Heaven-ly Fa ther, sov'reign Lord, Be Thy glo-rious name a dored!
- 2. Though un-wor thy, Lord, Thine ear, Deign our hum-ble songs to hear;
- 3. While on earth ordained to stay, Guide our foot-steps in Thy way,
- 4. Then with an gel harps a gain We will wake a no bler strain;



Lord, Thy mer-cies nev - er fail; Hail ce - les - tial good-ness,hail.

Pur - er praise we hope to bring, When a - round Thy throne we sing.

Till we come to dwell with Thee, Till we all Thy glo - ry see.

There, in joy - ful songs of praise, Our tri - umph - ant voi - ces raise.





## No. 78.

# Come, Thou Almighty King.

#### (ITALIAN HYMN.)









#### No. 82.

#### Jerusalem the Golden.





#### No. 84.

# Praise the Lord.

(AUSTRIAN HYMN.) Words by Bishop RICHARD MANT. Music by Joseph Haydn. (British writer, 1776-1848.) (German composer, 1732-1809.) 1. Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns adore Him, Praise Him, an-gels in the height; Sun and 2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo-rious, Nev - er shall His prom-ise fail; God hath moon, re-joice be-fore Him; Praise Him, all ye stars of light! Praise the made His saints vic - to - rious, Sin and death shall not pre - vail. Praise the Lord He hath spok - en; Worlds His might - y o-beyed. voice God our sal - va - tion, Hosts on high His power pro-claim;

Laws which nev - er shall be bro-ken, For their guid - ance He hath made. Heaven and earth and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy His name.

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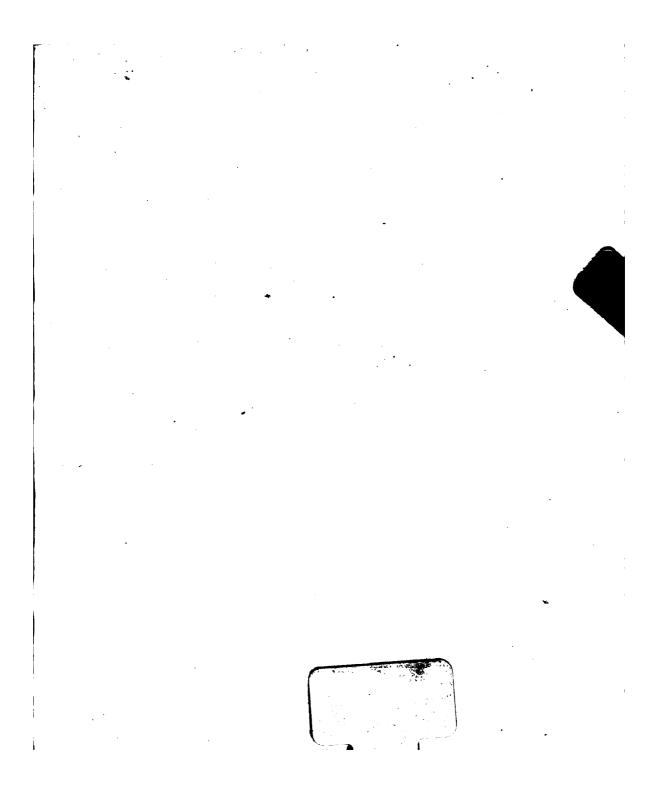
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